



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D C 20463

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RE: MUR 5827

Dear Mr. Reese:

This is in reference to your letter dated October 4, 2006, requesting that the *Montana Standard*, a respondent in the complaint filed on behalf of your client, Montanans for Tester, be withdrawn.

Under 2 U.S.C. § 437g, the Federal Election Commission is authorized to review a complaint properly filed with it and to take action that it deems appropriate under the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). A request for the withdrawal of a complaint or the removal of a respondent will not prevent the Commission from taking appropriate action under the Act. You will be notified at the conclusion of the case as to the disposition of the respondent you have attempted to withdraw.

If you have any further questions about this procedure, please contact Kim Collins on our toll-free number, (800)-424-9530 or local on (202)-694-1650.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff S. Jordan", is written over a horizontal line.

Jeff S. Jordan  
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